

COLLINS BROUGHT UP ON NEVER-CEASING TALK OF ERIN'S WRONGS

RELATIVES OF MICHAEL COLLINS



Relatives of the slain Irish leader, left to right: His mother, Mrs. Mary Ann O'Brien Collins, who did not live until her son attained greatness; Mrs. Mary Powell, a sister, holding her baby Nora, and Mrs. Mary McCarthy, grandmother of the patriot. Inset shows Collins' brother, Pat, of the Chicago police force.

of teaching impossible to compare with American or English systems, not even a secondary school education as that term is understood in England.

Local Politicians.

"A far more valuable education was at hand in the never-ceasing talk of Ireland's destiny, the injustices from which she had suffered in the past, and was still suffering. As I grew up to young manhood, the Parnell speech was the one great topic of discussion. Those were the days when every person in Ireland was thinking in terms of home rule. Home rule at the early morning breakfast table, home rule all the day, home rule by every hearthside in the evening—on such fare did the young Ireland of my generation feed and grow to manhood. It was this sort of thing that made me a nationalist. In our own home were gathered of an evening the people who were leaders of thought in the community. Others might have dismissed them as local politicians—for one reason or another, a contemptuous term—but as a matter of fact they were very intelligent as regards the doctrine of nationalism. And as for localism, in the sense that it is narrow and petty, I never knew it. The political stances of an Irish family in that time. What was local to us in Clonakilly was in no wise different from the immediate environment of a Galway or a Connaught village.

Hidden in London.

"The early settlers of America from New England to Virginia, thought along identical lines, even though they did so unwittingly and without realization of their common purpose. But, then, their motive was a simple one—self-preservation. So with us in Ireland at the beginning of the century. A cause, an inheritance and a need common to us all inspired us. It wasn't a thing that any man or set of men could govern. It was different from that. With my sixteenth birthday behind me, I took the civil service examinations, like thousands of other Irish lads of my station, and at seventeen went to live in London.

"Quickly I discovered I was in a blind alley in the civil service. To be sure, I was in London with a clerkship in the postoffice that paid £70 a year. At the end of two years I resigned. I followed several years of other jobs, none of which satisfied my ideas of opportunity.

"Of course, I had had Irish friends in London before I arrived, and in the intervening years I had made many more friends among Irishmen resident in London. For the most part, we lived lives apart. We were a distinct community—a tiny eddy, if you like—in the great metropolis. But we were proud of our isolation, and maintained it to the end."

A Real Opportunity.

"When wonder is expressed as to how I came to be in London, I often say that I could have lived in any of the great cities of the world, but I had no little knowledge that 120,000 British troops and black and tawny could not find me in four years of hunting me in Ireland. I can only attribute it to that policy of isolation which I had observed in London. And, after all, Michael Collins, junior bank clerk, could hardly be expected to have attracted any notice.

"And then came a real opportunity. "Queerly enough, it was preceded by another, an offer to go to America."

"It was in 1914, just before the declaration of war, that the chance came to take passage for New York. I could have gone under the most advantageous conditions, but when I laid the scheme before Tom Clarke he advised me not to go. His reason satisfied me. He said there was going to be something doing in Ireland within a year. I changed my mind about going to America, and plodded along in my uneventful job.

Love for the "Sold."

"It was in May, 1915, after Sean McDermott had been arrested and lodged in prison to serve a four-month sentence for making a seditious speech that I went to Tom Clarke and told him I was ready to go home and do whatever he wanted me to do. But he was not ready for me to go. The time was close at hand, he told me, but for the present I was to remain in London.

"Before the summer of 1915 was ended, however, I got the summons, and hurried to Dublin. With me went fifteen of my "pals"—all had the education of a London living behind us. Out of that little group,

U. S. Working Force Is Still 30 Per Cent Above Normal

Employed under the civil service status with the Government in Washington are 69,980 persons, according to a report of the last fiscal year issued yesterday.

There are 560,863 persons under the civil service status in all. Though the Government's working force in the classified service has been reduced approximately 40 per cent from the war peak of 917,760 at the time of the armistice, November 11, 1918, it is still nearly 30 per cent above the pre-war mark of 438,057 on June 30, 1916.

On July 31, 1920, more than 300,000 of the war force had been dropped, the total then being 691,116, and in the next twelve months nearly another 100,000 had been cut off, the total July 31, 1921, having been 597,482.

six were killed in the rising of Easter week, 1916. One of these was my brother-in-law.

At the time of the telling at this time to point out a somewhat usual fact of a purely personal nature. It is unusual, certainly, when one stops to consider that in forty years, Ireland has lost almost half her population through emigration. Out of my family of eight, only one, my brother Patrick, voluntarily left Ireland. My sister, Helen, now forty years of age, became a Nun and is in a convent in Yorkshire. And there is my stay in London. But otherwise we have all elected to remain in our own country.

Country Above Men.

"I recall how interested Richard Croker was in this. He himself, an emigrant who eventually came back to his native land, believed the day would come when Ireland would attract immigrants. However, I think he was wrong. It is just as well for the world to know that all Irishmen are not eager for the opportunity of leaving their own shores."

And this was all that Collins would vouchsafe—by way of biographical details. When I pressed him for more, he reminded me of what he had had to say when first I submitted by written questions. I never mind my family or me. Ireland's fight for freedom is a much bigger subject than any man or any group of men. And it is the fight—the true truth about it—that matters."

But having said this much, he had made a constructive suggestion. In his opinion I could make no better start than by hunting out Eion MacNeill, professor of early and medieval Irish history in the National University, one of the founders of the Gaelic League, president of the Irish volunteers, and now kinlocka (speaker) of Dail Eireann.

And so it was, a few days later, I hired a jaunting car and set forth for Black Rock, where a surprise awaited me in the home of Eion MacNeill.

(Chapter 3 of the interesting story of Michael Collins will appear tomorrow.)

CORONER WILL OPEN GRAVE TO QUIET WOMAN'S GHOST

CHICAGO, Aug. 26.—Coroner Patrick M. Hoffman announced yesterday that the body of Mrs. Gertrude Hargrave will be exhumed to investigate rumors that she died from poison. Relatives of the dead woman claim her ghost is haunting them, and Mrs. Martha Lemm, a sister, has complained that the spirit of Mrs. Hargrave will not let her sleep. The ghost haunts the Lemm home and seems to be in distress, Mrs. Lemm declares.

Mrs. Lemm believes that her sister is urging her to induce the authorities to investigate the cause of her death. Walter M. Hargrave, the dead woman's husband, scoffed at Mrs. Lemm's suspicions and has given permission for the exhumation. Mrs. Lemm says the Hargraves quarreled shortly before Mrs. Hargrave's death.

FALL "CALLED ON CARPET" IN OIL LAND DEAL

Secretary Is Detained by President for An Hour Following Cabinet Session.

By Universal Service. Revelations of the secret agreement entered into between Secretary of the Interior Fall and the Sinclair oil interests, whereby the latter were granted a monopoly in supplying fuel oil to the navy, were the subject of a White House conference yesterday.

Publication of this agreement within the last week is understood to have been responsible for Secretary Fall remaining closeted with President Harding for nearly an hour after the other Cabinet members had left the White House yesterday.

Secretary Fall refused to comment upon his conference with the President. There was no statement forthcoming from the White House as to the result of the meeting to indicate whether the Administration contemplates any further action. Publication of the incident leading to the private agreement between Secretary Fall and Harry F. Sinclair is understood to be causing grave concern to the Administration. Details show that the negotiations between Fall and Sinclair began in the latter's private car last January on a sliding near Fall's ranch at Three Rivers, N. M., and continued throughout the subsequent trip to Kentucky and Washington. At no time was there any competitive bidding. Sinclair being the only negotiator for the valuable oil rights on the Teapot Dome fields in Wyoming.

It is charged that under the terms of the contract signed by Fall and Sinclair, the Government will lose \$15,000,000 in addition to a possible \$9,000,000 bonus, and that all oil developed from the Teapot Dome reservation will be sold to the navy at market prices arbitrarily established by the Sinclair companies in agreement with the Standard Oil Company.

The contract has been openly condemned by Gov. Robert D. Carey of Wyoming and probably will be the subject of further attacks in Congress.

TROLLEY CAR RUNS WILD.

20 HURT AT SYRACUSE

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 26.—A crowded trolley car ran wild down Wainwright hill during a terrific rain and electrical storm here last night, jumped the tracks after speeding three city blocks, and was wrecked against concrete and metal lighting poles on a corner.

Twenty of the passengers were removed to hospitals. The momentum of the car increased in its dash down the hill and it snapped off the poles on the corner and left the car directly in front of the steps of an apartment building. The middle of the car was crushed by the collision with the poles.

First reports from the hospital were to the effect that none of the passengers had been seriously injured, the majority suffering from bruises and shock.

Street railway officials immediately started an investigation into the cause of the accident, which occurred at a time when water from the heavy downpour practically covered the rails.

WRECK WHICH HURT SCORE IS LAID TO NEGLIGENCE

The wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio at Elwood City, Pa., on August 6, in which nearly two score persons were injured, was caused by negligence of the train crew in "not exercising proper precautions," according to a report made by the Interstate Commerce Commission today.

SENATE SHUNTS BONUS TO TAKE UP COAL PLANS

Smoot Offers Amendment to McCumber Bill Providing for Sales Tax.

The soldiers' bonus bill was side-tracked in the Senate today so that consideration of coal legislation might be continued.

Senator Smoot yesterday offered sales tax amendment to the bill, providing a levy of one-fourth of 1 per cent on the sale of every article or commodity manufactured or imported, the money thus raised to be used to defray the cost of the soldiers' compensation.

The amendment accords with suggestions made by the Hearst newspapers and in the petitions bearing millions of signatures which have been presented to Congress asking that the sales tax be employed in financing the bonus.

It is also in line with the firm stand taken by President Harding that he would disapprove any bonus bill that did not contain a sales tax feature.

The President reiterated this position in an interview with a prominent Republican Senator at the White House, who was told that the President has not altered his mind in any degree, and that the McCumber bill, now before the Senate, will be vetoed unless the sales tax provision is incorporated.

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Senator Smoot offered his sales tax amendment first as a substitute for the entire McCumber bill, and in another form as an amendment to the bill, attaching it to supply the deficiency in the latter, which makes no provision for raising the bonus fund. The essential feature of the amendment is as follows:

"That, in addition to all other taxes, there shall be levied, collected and paid (a) upon every commodity manufactured or produced, sold, leased or licensed for consumption or use without further process of manufacture, a tax equivalent to one-fourth of 1 per cent of the price for which such commodity is sold, leased or licensed; and (b) upon every commodity manufactured or produced in a country other than the United States, when imported into the United States, a tax equivalent to one-fourth of 1 per cent of the value at port of entry of such commodity, such tax to be paid by the importer."

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GIRLS, HERE'S HOW TO LIVE IN LUXURY ON \$17 A WEEK

BOSTON, Aug. 26.—If you have more than one street dress and two hats you are an extravagant woman, according to the standards which the budgets of the Massachusetts Minimum Wage Commission set for working girls.

You are supposed to make a pair of corsets last two years, and a kimono, costing \$2.98, should stretch over five years of service.

Your principal recreation should be semi-annual trips to the dentist, and you may contribute seven cents a week to charity, presumably other than that which begins and ends at home.

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BELL EMPLOYEES START CHAPTER OF 'PIONEERS'

Only Telephone Co. Workers for 21 Years Eligible—23 in First Group.

With twenty-three Washington telephone employees among the charter members, the Alexander Graham Bell Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America was organized yesterday at a meeting in the offices of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company here. Delegates from all parts of Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia attended.

The purpose of the new organization is to foster a spirit of comradeship and interest among persons who have been in the telephone business and its kindred industries for many years. Telephone employees who have been in the business for twenty-one years or more are eligible.

The general office of the Alexander Graham Bell Chapter will be in Washington, but members will be scattered throughout the three States mentioned, in addition to this city. The chapter will be affiliated with similar organization in other parts of the country, and will send two delegates to the national convention at Cleveland in October.

Paul G. Burton, 1715 Q street northwest, division superintendent of the telephone company in Washington and part of Maryland, was elected president of the new organization, and Miss Carolyn H. Martin, of the advertising department of the company, its secretary and treasurer. Vice presidents elected were F. E. Bullock, Baltimore; Miss Mattie L. Miner, Wheeling; W. Va., and N. O. Wood, Roanoke, Va.

The chapter has a number of members who have been in the telephone business almost from the time it started. Several Washington men who are members—J. B. Tenley, D. A. Edwards and John H. Mearns—have been in the business for more than forty years.

MISS TUMULTY LOW; PARENTS HASTEN TO HER

Father and Mother Leave for Germany When Injured Girl Gets Pneumonia.

After receiving information that their daughter, Miss Mary Tumulty, had developed pneumonia following an automobile accident in which she nearly met death, Joseph Tumulty, private secretary to Woodrow Wilson when the latter was President, and Mrs. Tumulty hurried to New York last night and will today take passage on the steamship Mafestic for Europe.

Miss Tumulty was in an accident on the Munich-Oberammergau road. One of her companions, Mrs. Mary McCall, who also was injured in the accident, died a short time after she was removed to a hospital. Thomas H. Claffey, a friend of the Tumulty family, will accompany Mr. and Mrs. Tumulty.

At first it was reported that Miss Tumulty was in a serious condition, but later reports showed that she was improving. A cable, sent last night informed the parents that she had developed pneumonia.

Mr. Tumulty will be informed by radio during his sea trip of Miss Tumulty's condition. Timothy T. Shanerty, who has long been associated with Mr. Tumulty, has hurried from Vienna to the Well-Heim Hospital, where Miss Tumulty is being treated. A dispatch from Berlin received later confirmed the news that the young woman had developed pneumonia, but did not tell of the seriousness of her condition.

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